



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Our Case No. 13051US03)

In The Application Of:

Knowles et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2674

For: ACOUSTIC WAVE TOUCH
ACTUATED SWITCH WITH
FEEDBACK

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 7, 2006. Claims 21-26 and 28 are at issue, claim 27 having been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The rejection of Claims 21-26 and 28 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chatigny et al. and Selig et al. is respectfully traversed.

Claims 21-23 require "an acoustic wave absorbing material disposed between the deformable dome and the touch sensitive surface" of an acoustic wave switch "such that in response to a force acting on the dome, the dome deforms and contacts the absorbing material and the absorbing material contacts the touch sensitive surface of the acoustic wave switch with